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C2 / 27. A machine-readable storage, having stored thereon a computer program having a plurality of code sections executable by a machine for causing the machine to perform the steps of:

identifying a voice command having a voice command component and a dictation component within a contiguous utterance, wherein said voice command component is specified by a command grammar and said dictation component is not specified by said command grammar; and

executing said identified voice command component using at least a part of said dictation component as an execution parameter of said voice command.

REMARKS

These remarks are in response to the final Office Action dated December 4, 2001. As this amendment is timely filed within the two-month shortened statutory period, no extension of time and no fee is required. In the final Office Action, claims 22-31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,799,279 to Gould *et al.* (Gould). In response, the Applicants have amended claims 22 and 27 to clarify that the present invention identifies a voice command component which is specified in a command grammar and a dictation component which is not specified in the command grammar. Applicants further acknowledge with appreciation the helpful telephonic interview with the Examiner conducted on January 10, 2002, during which various aspects of the prior art were discussed.

Prior to addressing the rejections on the art, a brief review of the Applicants' invention is appropriate. The Applicants' invention provides a method and system which can process single voice commands having dictated text embedded therein. More specifically, the invention can identify a voice command which includes a voice command component and a dictation component within a contiguous utterance. The command component can include one or more words which cause the speech recognition system to perform a pre-determined function within the system or